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MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Members
Present:**

Erica Borggren-IDOT (Chair), Kay Batey-FHWA, Frank Beal-CMAP, Forrest Claypool-CTA, Tom Cuculich-DuPage County, Elliott Hartstein-CMAP, Peter Austin-McHenry County, David Kralik-Metra, Richard Kwasneski-PACE, Kristi Lafleur-Illinois Tollway, Chris Lauzen-Kane County, Aaron Lawlor-Lake County, Wes Lujan-Union Pacific RR, John McCarthy-Private Providers, Nick Palmer-Will County, Leanne Redden-RTA, Rebekah Scheinfeld-CDOT, Jeffery Schielke-Council of Mayors, John Shaw-Kendall County, Marisol Simon-FHWA, and John Yonan-Cook County

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Kermit Wies, Bob Dean, Andrew Williams-Clark, Jesse Elam, Patricia Berry, and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Reggie Arkell-FTA, Keith Benman-Munster Times, Ed Barry-CDC LMCC, Max Bosso-Village of Elwood, Tom Budesco, Carole Cheney-Congressman Bill Foster's office, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Sheila Clements-FTA, Daniel Comeaux-Civic Consulting Alliance, Michael Connelly-CTA, Mark Copeland-IDOT, John Donovan-FHWA, Roger Driskell-IDOT, Colin Fleming-Metro Strategies, Mike Forti-IDOT, John Fortmann-IDOT, Aaron Fundich-Robinson Engineering, Tony Greep-FTA, Doc Gregory-Will/Grundy Building Trades, Scott Gryder-Kendall County, John Greuling-WC CED, Pete Harmet-IDOT, Charles Ingersoll-IDOT, Teresa Kernc-Village of Diamond, Michael Kleinik-CDC LMCC, Jon-Paul Koehler-FHWA, Dorothea Lidd-IDOT, Nathan Mansfield-House GOP Staff, Frank Manzo, IV-Illinois Economic Policy Institute, Jaime Martinez-IDOT, Larry Perinar, Jr.-Carpenters Local #174, Marta Perales-Chicago Jobs with Justice, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Jeffrey Putala-Lane Construction, Michael Ready-Indiana Resident Rita Renwick-Will County Audubon Society, Tom Rickert-Kane County, Steve Schilke-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Ron Shimizu-Parsons Brinckerhoff, Karen Shoup-IDOT, Delia Smiles-IDOT, Jim Sullivan-Local 150, Mike Sullivan-

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Policy Committee Chair Erica Borggren (Acting Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation), called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Borggren provided a brief background and asked others to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014, meeting of the Policy Committee as presented was made by Frank Beal and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn deferred reporting, explaining that most of what had occurred during the past 3 months would be covered in agenda items.

4.2 Leanne Redden, who represents the MPO Policy Committee on the CMAP Board, reported that the Board had met the day before, had considered the GO TO 2040 Plan Update, and a motion (requiring a super majority of 12 votes) had failed on a 10-4 vote to remove the Illiana project from the Plan Update. Redden went on to report that a second motion to approve the Plan Update also failed by a 10-4 vote.

4.3 Mayor Jeffery Schielke, having arrived late, would give a Council of Mayors report later in the meeting.

5.0 Public Comment

Borggren stated that Policy Committee members had received the written testimony in advance of the meeting and there were a number of people who had signed up to give oral testimony, which would be limited to one minute. Any overflow of testimony would be given at the Public Comment period near the end of the meeting. Generally, those requesting public comment were opposed to or supportive of including the Illiana project in the GO TO 2040 update. Each was given an opportunity to address the Policy Committee. Alongside each commenter is their position.

Speaker	Representing	Oppose/Support
The Hon. Toi Hutchinson	40 th Legislative District	Support
The Hon. Pat McGuire	43 rd Legislative District	Support
The Hon. Larry Walsh, Jr.	86 th Legislative District	Support
The Hon. Al Riley	38 th Legislative District	Support
Stacy Meyers	Openlands	Oppose
The Hon. Rich Duran	Peotone	Support
Kevin Brubaker	ELPC	Oppose
Lois Arms	STAND	Oppose
Rita Runwick	Will County Audubon Society	Oppose

Speaker	Representing	Oppose/Support
The Hon. Jim Holland	Village of Frankfort	Support
Kyle Whitehead	Active Transportation	Oppose
Dan Johnson	HSR	Support CrossRail
Donnie Dan	Bird Conservation Network	Oppose
The Hon. Teresa Kernc	Village of Diamond	Support
Erica Dodt	Sierra Club	Oppose
John Greuling	Will County CED	Support
Kyle Smith	CNT	Oppose
Alan Mellis	former CMAP CAC member	Oppose
Elise Ziemann	Environmental Educator	Oppose
Heather Armstrong	Access Living	Oppose
Garland Armstrong	Access Living	Oppose
Mike Novak	PBS	Oppose
Dick Riner	Audubon Chicago Region	Oppose
Aaron Fundich	Robinson Engineering	Support
Benjamin Armstrong	Citizen	Oppose
Reggie Greenwood	Southland (SSMMA)	Support
Max Bosso	Village of Elwood	Oppose
Marta Perales	Rep. Al Riley office	Support
William Shea	No Illiana 4 Us	Oppose

Policy Committee Chair Borggren expressed thanks to all who had come down to speak.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Update, FFY 2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Conformity Determination

CMAP staff Andrew Williams-Clark reported that minor edits had been made to the plan update that included clarifying the A-2 flyover (which remains under evaluation as part of the Metra UP West major capital project), updating data on the number of completed CREATE projects and updating the graph depicting the age of the region's municipal comprehensive plans. Williams-Clark announced that the final document was available and that staff is seeking approval of the update.

A motion by Vice-Chair Jeffery Schielke to approve the GO TO 2040 plan update was seconded by County Board Chair Chris Lauzen. The motion was amended by John Yonan, and seconded by Elliott Hartstein to first remove the Illiana project before approving the Plan Update and corresponding TIP and Conformity Determination.

Many of the policy committee members offered comment, the question was called and a roll call vote was taken:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Chicago Department of Transportation	1		
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	1		
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	1		
Chicago Transit Authority	1		
Cook County	1		
Council of Mayors		1	

	Yes	No	Abstain
DuPage County		1	
Illinois Department of Transportation		1	
Illinois Tollway		1	
Kane County		1	
Kendall County		1	
Lake County		1	
McHenry County	1		
Metra			1
PACE		1	
Private Providers	1		
Railroads		1	
Regional Transportation Authority	1		
Will County		1	
Total	8	10	1

The amended motion to remove the Illiana project from the GO TO 2040 Plan Update failed.

The motion by Mayor Jeffrey Schielke was seconded by Kane County Board Chair Chris Lauzen, to approve the GO TO 2040 Plan Update (including the Illiana project) and the FFY2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Conformity Determination as had been presented. A roll call vote was taken:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Chicago Department of Transportation		1	
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning		1	
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Chicago Transit Authority		1	
Cook County		1	
Council of Mayors	1		
DuPage County	1		
Illinois Department of Transportation	1		
Illinois Tollway	1		
Kane County	1		
Kendall County	1		
Lake County	1		
McHenry County		1	
Metra			1
PACE	1		
Private Providers		1	
Railroads	1		
Regional Transportation Authority	1		
Will County	1		
Total	12	6	1

The motion passed. The MPO Policy Committee approved the GO TO 2040 Update, FFY 2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Conformity Determination.

7.0 Nominating Committee for the office of MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair

Chair of the Nominating Committee Richard Kwasneski reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of himself, Mayor Schielke, John Yonan, Frank Beal and Tom Cuculich had recommended that Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor continue to serve as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for calendar year 2015 and that Chairman Lawlor had agreed to continue to serve.

A motion by Richard Kwasneski was seconded by Tom Cuculich that the Policy Committee accept the Nominating Committee recommendation that Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor serve as Vice Chair of the Policy Committee for calendar year 2015. There were no other nominations. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 Naming of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Policy Committee by-laws and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board, allows for the Policy Committee to select the Chair and Vice Chair of CMAP's Transportation Committee. Traditionally, Blankenhorn continued, the terms are for two years and staff recommends that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee remain unchanged with Mike Connelly of the CTA, serving as Chair and Sis Killen of Cook County, as Vice Chair.

A motion by Richard Kwasneski was seconded by Mayor Jeffery Schielke to approve the staff recommendation of the positions of chair and vice chair to the Transportation Committee as had been reported. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Projects

CMAP staff Bob Dean reported that the recommendations for selection of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Projects had been considered by the Transportation Committee at its meeting on October 3, 2014 and again on October 8, 2014 by the Local Coordinating Committee, both had recommended and the CMAP Board had approved the twenty-five (out of 100 applications) new projects.

A motion by Frank Beal to approve the selection of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects, as presented, was seconded by John Yonan. All in favor, the motion carried.

10.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Programming and Management Policies

CMAP staff Jesse Elam reported that staff had performed a thorough process review of the CMAQ programming and management policies that had been considered by the CMAP Board and Policy Committee in 2012. Elam discussed the most significant changes related to clarifying project readiness requirements connecting some projects back to planning and offering guidance about how to use additional criteria related to performance measures beyond air quality and project ranking. Reviewed by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, the Transportation Committee and the Regional Coordinating

Committee and the CMAP Board, Elam also stated that staff was seeking approval of the update by the Policy Committee.

A motion by Kane County Board Chair Chris Lauzen was seconded by Elliott Hartstein to approve the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Programming and Management Policies as presented. The motion carried. Wesley Lujan abstained from the vote.

11.0 Regional Exports Initiative

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced John Greuling of the Will County Center for Economic Development to give an overview of an initiative to increase regional exports. Blankenhorn added that the CMAP Board had approved a contribution to the project out of its general revenue fund because we believe it is a real good example of how to work together as a region around economic development.

Greuling stated that export activity fosters innovation and supports regional jobs, thanked Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and reported that Metro Chicago Exports will assist manufacturers and business service companies in reaching international markets, focused on building a pipeline of export ready firms, strengthening the export ecosystem, and reducing the initial business costs to reach new markets.

12.0 Other Business

Policy Committee Chair Erica Borggren reported that she had received and forwarded a request from CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett suggesting that the Policy Committee consider voting as a super majority (as does the CMAP Board) versus a simple majority, which would require a change in the by-laws. A worthy topic, Chair Borggren agreed, may be taken up post a matter of pending litigation. There was no other business before the Policy Committee.

13.0 Public Comment

There were no additional public comments

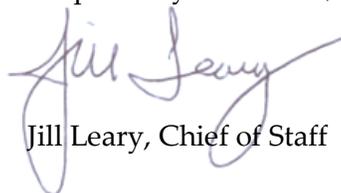
14.0 Next Meeting

The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

15.0 Adjournment

A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by Kane County Board Chair Chris Lauzen to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:15 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented January 8, 2015